



**W. A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2016  
MINUTES  
5:30 p.m.**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Reading of the minutes by Kia Muse
3. Mrs. Bowman-Dozier presented the Title One update for Dr. Coletrain - the presentation consisted of a power-point presentation prepared by Dr. Coletrain. Dr. Coletrain was attending a district level meeting.

**The following information was presented:**

- a. W. A. Perry continues to build a positive culture. All employees participated in a Team-building activity that involved building a balloon tower. The team that had built the highest balloon tower was the winner. The activity was presented during a faculty meeting.
- b. Attendance matters. The Attendance team monitors daily, weekly, and monthly attendance. Each grade level received an incentive during the month of September. Also, incentives will be provided monthly for students who have perfect attendance.
- c. 21<sup>st</sup> Century AfterSchool Program at W. A. P. Middle School has been selected as a NASA Site for 2016-2017 school year. Students will participate in one of two project options: Engineering Design Challenges (EDC) and Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Earth (GLOBE) Investigations. Students will also have opportunities to interact with NASA scientists and engineers to discuss strategies for completing their projects.
- d. Arts in the courtyard was a major success. Our students did a great job representing W. A. Perry by displaying their artistic talents.
- e. Literacy still remains the big focus at W. A. Perry. Teachers are participating in a book study and professional development on vocabulary strategies to enhance the Literacy Program effectiveness. Administrators are visiting classes frequently to provide feedback regarding instructional techniques. Students have taken STAR assessments and have been placed in Enrichment classes based on test results.
- f. Caleb Counts (As a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student) earned a perfect score on the PASS test (Social Studies).
- g. On October 20, 2016, all W. A. Perry's employees and students wore pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- h. Parent conference was held October 13, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- i. To commemorate W. A. Perry's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the SIC and PTO have partnered to purchase a LED school marquee. All support for this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.
- j. Stakeholders receive updates on "happenings" at W. A. Perry by way of social media. The Task Force receives e-mails from Dr. Coltrain on a regular basis to insure that the lines of communication remain open.
- k. Ms. Shannon Rister held a technology training session for staff entitled Twitter, Tacos, and Tea. The event was a huge success. Special thanks is extended to the PTO for providing 8 gift Cards as door prizes. Ms. Rister teacher Digital Literacy at WAP.



**4. Mr. Allen, STEAM Update**

Benedict College has partnered with C. A. Johnson (Memorandum of Agreement) to sponsor a program that allows students to earn college credit while attending high school. The Dean of the STEM College at Benedict encouraged students to keep grades up. Students are needed to keep the program at Benedict operating. Benedict received a huge grant to offer the program to students interested in STEM careers. This information was shared during a STEM Tour sponsored by Benedict that was attended by students from W. A. Perry.

5. Caleb Counts who earned the perfect score on the Social Studies section of the PASS test should be Honored at Board meeting. (Comment made by Judge McDuffie).
6. Ms. Doucet shared that Mr. Alvin Allen, STEAM Coordinator, participates at the district level and has submitted information to the district regarding STEAM program activities at W. A. Perry.
7. Ms. J. Young shared that the Constitutional Pipeline School sponsors a Law Mentoring Program where students (8<sup>th</sup>) grade participate in MOCK Trials sponsored by USC School of Law. Attire: and ties for males; business suits for females. Students interested in pursuing law as a career are participants in the program. They argue cases against students from Hopkins, Gibbes, and Alcorn Middle Schools. Students from W. A. Perry perform well and usually “outshine” the students from the other three middle schools. Some of the mentors from USC School of Law are former Freedom School interns.
8. Ms. J. Young also reported that the LINKS of Columbia took a group of girls to job sites to shadow professionals.
9. Ms. Young plans to develop a formal “tracking system” to keep up with the students who are former Law Mentoring Program participants.
10. Ms. Young also plans to seek monetary assistance to purchase bow ties for the Law Mentoring students both male and female.
11. The LED marquee that will be donated by the SIC/PTO will cost \$28,000. Fundraisers will be planned.
12. Inquiry made regarding Ms. Murray’s (social worker at Crayton) whereabouts. She is a former Alumni of W. A. Perry Middle School.
13. Ms. Doucet shared that a committee has been formed to organize a gala to commemorate the W. A. Perry 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The event is scheduled to be held at the end of the school year.
14. Mrs. Cannon voiced concern about students “picking at” and agitating” the dog at the corner lot across from W. A. Perry Middle School.
15. Ms. Doucet shared that the “Crossing Guard” instructs students to walk on the sidewalk instead of in the road. Ms. Doucet also suggested that concerns about safety and discipline should be referred to Dr. Coltrain and Mr. Sayers.



19. Mrs. Myers reminded everyone to go to the polls and vote. She shared that registration has been extended.
20. Dr. Belton emphasized the importance of members from the C. A. Johnson cluster being visible at School Board meetings. Money and other special interests are addressed that affect the quality of resources that are available for our students and community at-large.